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THRIL : Chief, Economic Research Chief, Materials Division Report for Month of March 1957 1. Projects 22.1566, "Mineral Fertilizers in the USSR," and 25.1575, "Progress of the Petroleum Industry in Outer Mongolia," were completed and submitted to St/PR. 2. Various contributions to NIE's, other area-wide and support projects, and to CSS were completed. One Branch project is undergoing review in D/M. 3. All Branches of the Division were engaged in preparatory work on the FY 1958 Besearch Program. , Chief, D/M, and 25X1A9a . H/EP. 25X1A9a attended a series of lectures on atomic energy sponsored by the Foreign Service Institute. , M/AG, prosented a talk on Soviet 25X1A9a Agriculture at the Strategic Intelligence School. 25X1A5a1 visited ORR for approximately 5 days for briefing and debriefing. 25X1A9a , Chief, N/EP, has been seriously ill since December and will not return to duty. 1s 25X1A9a acting as Branch Chief. 8. Comments on the Molybdanum situation in the Sino-Soviet Bloc were prepared by M/FM for the Office of the BCI. 9. M/FM also prepared a memorandum for the AD/RR and the DD/I regarding U.S. representation on the ECE Steel Committee and the statue of continuous easting technology in the USSR. 10. , Chief, WFM, assisted at a briefing 25X1A9a 25X1A9a , M/FM, visited 25X1A6a 25X1A9a to interview a source who recently returned from Poland.

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12. M/MF prepared an unclassified version of ORR D1-443,
"Titanium in the Sino-Soviet Bloc," for the use of Senator Murray.

13. Chief, M/MF, is on TMX 25X1A6a

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14. returned to duty with E/M from a special assignment and is now a member of H/MF.

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